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**ASSEMBLY, No. 1140**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

**By Assemblywoman MURPHY, Assemblyman BLEE,  
Senators Gormley and Zane**

1 **AN ACT** establishing a venison donation demonstration program.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
4 of New Jersey:

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6 1. a. The Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the  
7 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the Secretary of  
8 Agriculture and the chairman of the Fish and Game Council, shall  
9 establish a venison donation demonstration program. The program  
10 shall permit, under controlled conditions, the slaughter, processing,  
11 distribution, and serving of venison donated by recreational hunters to  
12 nonprofit charitable organizations, in accordance with guidelines  
13 established by the Commissioner of Health and the State Fish and  
14 Game Code established pursuant to section 32 of P.L.1948, c.448  
15 (C.13:1B-30), in order to protect the health and safety of those  
16 persons consuming the donated venison.

17 b. The Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the  
18 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the Secretary of  
19 Agriculture, the chairman of the Fish and Game Council, and the  
20 United Bow Hunters of New Jersey, shall study the feasibility of  
21 expanding the program to include venison obtained from hunters  
22 licensed by the Department of Environmental Protection to participate  
23 in crop depredation control activities, and shall expand the program  
24 accordingly if the commissioner deems it appropriate.

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26 2. The Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the  
27 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the Secretary of  
28 Agriculture and the chairman of the Fish and Game Council, shall  
29 report to the Governor and the Legislature no later than three years  
30 after the effective date of this act on the results of the program,  
31 accompanying that report with any recommendations concerning the  
32 feasibility of establishing a permanent venison donation program and  
33 including recommendations concerning the need for legislation to

- 1 control, restrict, or promote venison donation activities.

1       3. The Commissioner of Health shall develop guidelines, in  
2 consultation with the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the  
3 Secretary of Agriculture and the chairman of the Fish and Game  
4 Council, to effectuate the purposes of this act.

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6       4. P.L.1993, c.355 (C.24:16B-61.1) is repealed.

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8       5. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire three years  
9 after the effective date.

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14 Establishes a venison donation demonstration program in DOH.